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# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION FORECAST: December 21, High/Low Normal; Dec. 22, 23, Low Normal; Dec. 24, 25, High/Low Normal; Dec. 26, High Normal; Dec. 27, 28, High/Low Normal; Dec. 29, High Normal; Dec. 30, High/Low Normal; Dec. 31, Jan. 1-4, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

## N2KK/AFRICA

David Schoen, N2KK, finished operations as J20CN in Djibouti on schedule December 11 and proceeded to North Yemen in hopes of obtaining a 4W license. Although he was unable to do so, some groundwork was laid for possible operation in late February or early March.

Dave was heard to say he was told to go ahead and transmit from N. Yemen, the formality of a license not being particularly necessary. He chose not to do so, since any contacts made would have been n.g. for DXCC, among other reasons.

Dave left the Sudan, where he signed N2KK/ST2, for the S. Sudan, expecting to operate from about Dec. 22 until the 15th of January. He has been working on 28510 or so, going by call areas and paying particular attention to getting through to the West Coast. He has also been very punctual in meeting his schedules on 40 and 80 Meters. Issue 62 of TDXB had the times for low band operations.

## GUINEA

VK4NIC/3X has gone to Senegal for the holidays and will not be back on the air from Guinea until the first week of January. Ian's station was operated by 9GIRT in the ARRL 10-Meter contest the weekend of the 13th, making an unknown number of contacts.

Ian's list-style operations have been

plagued by "masters of ceremonies" who often cannot hear him well enough to maintain control and in some cases the M.C.s have been mediocre operators at best. This has led to much grouching among the troops and cluttering of the frequency.

W4FRU has yet to receive documentation of the 3X operation for forwarding to Newington.

It is reported that Ian's wife, who is meeting him in Senegal, will have a remote vfo for his Yaesu rig.

## SMOM

An attempt to document DXCC status for the Southern Military Order of Malta was made in the early 1970's and was turned down at that time. It was felt the SMOM was merely an "organization" within the country of Italy.

The "Order of Malta" is an ancient order of the Catholic Church bestowed only occasionally on world figures. The connection with the Southern Military Order of Malta is not understood here. As the ARRL DX Advisory Committee is quite conservative these days, chances of country status for SMOM are judged to be extremely small, especially since one request has already been denied.

## CAMPBELL

ZL3AFH/A has been working very slowly on 20 CW 0700-0800Z. (continued)

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ZL3AFH's name is Warwick, and he has an FT101E and dipole. He expects to be on Campbell for a year (not six months) and gets mail delivery about twice a year. QSLs to the VK bureau only. He is signing /A to make it clear he is not operating from Chatham.

ARRL's 10 Meter Contest the weekend of the 13th saw only average ionospheric propagation but the Geminids meteor shower livened thing up for those with high power and good receivers. Well known VHFers like WB2WIK and K8III were heard working the contest. Many of the HF operators obviously did not know the techniques for working m.s. and went empty-handed while others had as many as 100 contacts per hour via the short bursts.

One very unwelcome spin-off of the "new style of DXing" was apparent during the 10 Meter Contest...some U.S. participants were heard answering CQs from other W stations by just saying the suffix to their callsign. Not only is this entirely unnecessary but it slows down the big guns and makes for an extra transmission.

A correction from our report in Issue 66 on the ARRL elections for Board of Director positions...the votes for director in the Central Division were not counted, incumbent W9NTP having tendered his resignation prior to ballot-counting time.

This is unfortunate, as it would have been interesting to have seen if the campaign techniques used which resulted in his resignation paid off in votes from the membership out in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Now we will never know.

QST magazine (published by the American Radio Relay League) still seeks an editor for its "How's DX?" column. present editor K1JX will continue until his replacement is found. Some have wondered why a headquarters staff member is not used for this job, perhaps on an after-hours extra income basis, as the present staff contains a number of

active DXers, and the staff is often privy to information unavailable elsewhere.

The "How's DX?" editorship was in the hands of Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, for two decades. Rod was on the headquarters staff in West Hartford for a couple of years in the early 1950s. He returned to Illinois and took a job there in 1953 or so, and wrote the DX column without fail for over two hundred issues.

While W9BRD's "DX Hoggery and Poetry Depreciation Society" became legend and was sorely missed when he resigned in the mid-1970s, some aspects of the column as it had been written had indeed become outmoded. Many DXers still miss the listing of stations worked, a listing which was three months old by the time it got into print.

But Rod's very long tenure as "How's DX?" editor is a tribute to his interest and dedication.

HOT RUMOR: a station signing CR9CT, Macao, is expected on Dec. 21-29, with split frequency work on 28595, 21295 and 14195. QSLs to G3KDB.

Our friend in S. Florida decided that those "XV" stations worked in the CQ CW Contest were really ZV stations in Brazil. However, FCC says that the prefix XV is currently allocated to Venezuela, so one should turn one's beam South for XV, not north.

Which reminds us...remember the tremendous signal on 40 Meters from XV5AC in the early 70's? That was Viet Nam, Don Riebhof doing the operating. Don is now with the U.S. government in Czechoslovakia, where he has made a number of ham radio friends and has done some operating from a few of the OK club stations.

U.S./Korea third-party traffic has been OKayed for the period Dec. 20, 1500Z to 4 January, 1459Z. South Korea, natch.



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K4BAI operated PJ2CC, Curacao, in the CQ CW Contest, 20 Meters only, and broke the world record, with 2900 contacts, 34 zones and 105 countries. However, N4PN, signing VP2KAA, may be in the running, with 3400 contacts and more multipliers than PJ2CC. The difference will be in how many of VP2KAA's contacts were with N. America at two points each instead of three.

LU3ZY S. Sandwich reports have been very slim for several months. There is no particular time or frequency when he can be found. Last year at this time he was pretty regular on 10 Meters CW around 1500. Our German friends say he is on 7080 from 2300 Saturdays and Sundays, not that that does much good for North Americans. It will be interesting to see how far down the list S. Sandwich drops when we do our Need List survey again next April.

Those JY7 callsigns were in honor of King Hussein's 45th birthday last month.

Stew Perry, W1BB, has asked us to relay that he is NOT QSL manager for any DX station. Some sickie has pirated a bunch of calls and given W1BB as manager for them. Tain't true. Oh, yes, the callsigns: BV2A, 5W1CC, A51AB, CR9CC, ZM7CC, XV6A, XU6A, A35AB, and A3HAB.

If you do not have a callsign reflecting your class of license, and would like one, now is the time. Get a new FCC form 610 from your district office or from ARRL headquarters, along with instructions. You cannot do this if you already have a callsign which fits your class license, and you also cannot request a specific call.

FCC is also working on putting the amateur service rules into "plain language," ostensibly because many hams are "young." It is also reported (by an FCC insider) that the new rules were to have stated "No CW identification (automatic or manual) may be more than 20 words per minute." (!) That would sure lower the resale value of electronic keyers, eh?

Bill Hatcher, KP4KK, is back in the Philippines after his CR9B Macao operation of about six weeks ago. He will be /DU another 18 months or so, after which he may terminate his affiliation with the U.S. Navy after 22 years. Bill says he is thinking of staying there as a civvie.

Although he had a bad cold Bill still made it to Macao on schedule a few days before the CQ Phone Contest back in October. He picked up the gear left there by the IDXF and got out of bed in time to get the beam back in the air for a single band effort in the CQ Contest... 1600 contacts on 10 Meters. The skip was in to the U.S. west coast and midwest, but only one station was worked in Zone 5.

Outside of the contest, CR9B managed another 1600 contacts, with 150 on 40 Meters and 75 on 80 (or was it 80 on 75?).

Back at KP4KK/DU2, Bill worked the CQ CW contest single band 80, and again did not work the East Coast stateside, although in casual operating he has managed many such contacts. Bill sez his big signal in Europe on 80 went pretty much unnoticed during the CQ CW test.

Since last April, Bill's totals are 75 countries on 80 and 84 on 40 Meters... he wants to make 5-Band DXCC in a year, if 80 Meters cooperates. He also has an inverted "V" on 160 and will go there for schedules if asked.

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The PY0SA/PY0RA expedition rumored for last weekend is apparently on the rocks, as nothing heard from them.

One of the locals called recently to report that he had been officially placed on the "Crap List" of one of the famous list operations. Wishing to hear for ourselves, we tuned into the frequency and sure enough it was not fifteen minutes before some poor confused K9 station made a mistake and was placed on the same list. Maybe next they'll offer certificates of honor for those making this Crap List. Seems to us that saying "crap list" is redundant.



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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East coast report)/Date

## Low Bands

A7XD/3795/01E/12	GU3ZQS/7018/21E/8	UAØBBN/7009/11E/9	XT2AW/7014/00E/4
CE4AA/7003/00E/11	JY5ZM/3795/04E/8	UD6BHC/7002/02E/11	ZD8TC/7027/00E/11
EA9JG/3502/00E/10	J2ØCN/3795/03E/12	UF6FDP/7009/02E/12	ZK2VU/7007/10E/11
FGØFWK/	LX1BJ/3503/07E/11	VS6DO/7004/12E/4	4U1ITU/3501/01E/9
FS/3505/04E/11	OD5LX/7011/01E/12	VS6DO/7003/12E/8	7X4MD/3780/07E/11
GJ3EML/7018/22E/10	TF3JO/7017/10E/11	VU2BX/7010/12E/5	9H1FG/7006/00E/10
	UAØBBN/7002/12E/5	VU2BX/7012/12E/11	

## Africa

CN8MK/21025/19C/11	D68AM/21285/20W/9	ZD8TC/28024/22E/7	5V7HL/28550/13C/9
OH1MA/	EA9EU/14019/23E/7	ZS3KC/21315/20W/9	5Z4YW/21275/20C/8
CT3/28034/15E/7	SU1AL/14206/00E/12	3B8CF/14026/03C/10	9J2KO/14209/19W/11
C5AZ/28506/14C/7	TJ1BB/14015/22E/10	3D6BX/14045/06C/9	9X5AB/21285/21E/9
D4CBC/14212/06C/12	TR8IG/14020/22C/8	DF2FE/	
	TU2ØQA/14215/07C/12	5N3/21350/19W/8	

## Asia

AP2ARS/14020/03E/11	HM1KR/21017/23E/10	UD6CN/14038/05W/10	VU2SL/14022/03E/11
A7XDD/14225/16C/6	JT1KAA/14029/02E/6	UK8AAF/14042/12E/11	4S7EA/14210/01W/11
A7XD/28750/12C/12	JT1KAA/14033/04C/9	UH8HIA/14225/16C/6	4S7CF/14209/02E/13
BV2A/28573/00C/6	JY9RC/28539/12C/12	UK8MAA/14214/03C/11	9K2DR/14252/06C/12
DU1JB/21025/23E/7	TA1HY/14221/06C/9	UI8ACE/14078/13W/9	9K2DR/28750/13C/6
DU1JEC/28557/00C/9	UAØYAW/14041/05C/10	UI8LC/14209/03E/13	9M2KG/14017/00E/11
HM1AQ/14025/03C/10	(Zone 23)	UM8MBS/28755/12E/9	9V1VV/28598/02W/10
	UD6DLJ/14225/16C/6	VS6EY/14026/14W/9	

## Others

CO6RL/28750/13C/9	KH3AB/21028/01E/4	VP2SAV/14011/08W/12	4U1UN/21280/21E/6
FO8HA/21029/01E/4	TF3KG/14024/14W/10	YJ8NPS/28523/02W/10	4U1UN/28750/23C/7
FO8FU/14228/20C/11	T3LAB/14217/04W/9	ZL3ACF/A/14003/08C/10	8R1J/21011/22E/7
HKØBKX/14005/00W/9	VK2NUC/	F9UW/	9H1GI/28051/15E/7
	VK9/28575/00C/11	3A/14212/16W/9	

## PROPAGATION

(thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
11/23	176	7	1
11/23	172	8	3
11/24	180	10	3
11/25	183	14	4
11/26	195	24	4
11/27	190	18	3
11/28	197	12	3
11/29	200	20	3
11/30	220	13	3
12/1	229	18	3
12/2	219	7	2
12/3	204	15	3
12/4	205	10	3
12/5	192	5	2
12/6	176	5	2
12/7	182	5	1

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Remember Clif Evans, K6BX? He passed away a few years ago, after making a name for himself in the amateur radio certificate hunting game. WA6CPP and K6YK have obtained many of Clif's old records and are in the process of reactivating the US-County Hunting Award (not to be confused with CQ magazines USACA). US-CHA was issued in steps of 300 counties and was popular especially among DX stations. More details will be forthcoming, but if you are in a hurry send an SASE to K6YK for preliminary information.



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December CQ magazine is in the mails, with the first DX column by WA6AUD, former publisher of the *West Coast DX Bulletin*. The column sounds just like Cass, except now he has the luxury of time to proofread, clean-up, rearrange, etc., before the material goes to press.

While we are on the subject...now that *Ham Radio Horizons* magazine has ceased publication, one would surmise that the remaining magazines would benefit from more material available each month. That is certainly true, but there is never enough good writing to go around. There's plenty of bad stuff but that's another story. Cass and his *WCDXB* benefitted from eleven years of developing reliable sources of information, stories, etc. We hope that someday this modest publication can be in the same enviable position.

As for the magazines...the January issues of *CQ* and *73* both contain articles on vhf contesting, and both articles feature the WIFC contest operation. Different authors, of course. And have you noticed how over the years the same amateur radio authors seem to pop up in the various magazines?

It must be remembered that none of the ham radio publications are in the position of, say, a magazine like *Car and Driver*. When you have a half-million paid subscribers as they do, outgoing WATS lines and other services available for a price are within reach. In the amateur radio field, there are barely a half-million potential subscribers in the entire world, and budgets prohibit luxuries.

All of us out here publishing depend on YOU to come forth with information, articles, input of all kinds. Please help. And thanks!

Returning to the world of hot DX news...VU2DPK and VU2BX are running a delta loop at 90 feet on 40 Meters, with a pair of 813's for an amplifier. Their signal attests to the effectiveness of the setup. They are running a schedule

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on 80 Meters also, as follows: 3890-3900, Saturdays at 1200Z and Sundays at 0000Z. Now is exactly the right time of year for this path.

Walt Stinson, W0CP, used two calls during his Bahamas operation Nov. 26 through Dec. 7...W0CP/C6A and C6AEP. QSLs for either to 11415 E. Cimmamon Drive, Englewood, CO 80111. Walt made about 3500 contacts, about 500 of them on 160, using a TS820S and trap vertical. He was active in the CQ CW Contest, too.

DL1VU finished operating from Niue as ZK2VU and is proceeding to ZK1 Cooks next for a week or so, to be followed by Tahiti, W. Samoa, Wallis, Fijis, Tonga, and New Caledonia. All this runs through March 1. QSLs to DL2RM.

John Thompson will again be WIBIH/PJ2, from January through March. He plans some operating in the ARRL Contest weekends in March, and will be on throughout the three-month period on 6 through 160 Meters, just in case there is anybody left who needs a PJ contact.

Back when the ARRL International DX Competition was two full weekends on both phone and CW, WIBIH regularly made the Top Ten worldwide operating just one weekend on each mode. That was when he signed PJ9JT...John says his enthusiasm has been considerably diminished now that he no longer has that call and must sign "WIBIH/PJ2" every time.

The U.S. and Yugoslavia now have a reciprocal operating agreement, effective Nov. 11. You can get permission to operate while you're in Yugoslavia by sending a request, along with a photocopy of your current license, to SRJ, PO BOX 48, Belgrade Yugoslavia. Allow plenty of time for processing.

A reader in Greece got a QSL from 600DX, but he's the only one we know of so fortunate. Still no word from I2YAE on when the rest of the requests might be answered. Look for 600DX to be back on the air the middle of January or so.

## CALENDAR

St. Lucia	K1CC/J6	Now through Jan. 2
Macao	CR9CT	Dec. 21-29...RUMOR. This issue.
Campbell Is.	ZL3AFH/A	On NOW; this issue
S. Sudan	N2KK/STØ	Now through Jan. 15; this issue and Issue 62
Lord Howe	VK3DCS	On NOW; Issue 68
S. Cooks	ZK1VU	On NOW; this issue
Heard	By VK9NS	Hope keeps springing, eternally
S. Sandwich	VP8SSI	Still rumored, Jan. 1-4; Issue 63
Guinea	VK4NIC/3X	Back on early January with a remote vfo; this issue
Lebanon	OD5KK	Jan. 15-Feb. 4; Issue 62
Somalia	60ØDX	Expected on again mid-January
Montserrat	VP2MS	Jan. 14-23, by W7ISX and W7EKM; details next issue
Iraq	YI1JY	Late Jan or early Feb; Issue 66
Cyprus	5B4KK	By N2KK, Feb. 4-11; Issue 62
Kingman/ Palmyra		By VK2BJL and others, April tentative. Issue 63

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## FROM THE EDITOR...

Actually, the entire Bulletin every week is "from the editor," since I do it all except for the stuffing and sealing of the envelopes. When your letters come in addressed to "gentlemen" I keep looking around for someone to hand them to.

This is a good time to say "Thanks" to every one of you who have supported this endeavor with your subscriptions. And especially "Thanks" to those of you who have sent information to be published, whether it be once or every week. There would be no TDXB without your input.

You can tell it is the holiday season, because it is impossible to turn the tube on without seeing Santa Claus sledding down a hill on a Norelco razor.

I sincerely wish every one of you health, happiness, prosperity, and good DX in the new year. May all of us make the Honor Roll in 1980!

73, Jim